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Mott Senior Miranda McIntyre Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

October 10, 2007, Waterford, Mich. – Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that Waterford Mott High School Senior Miranda McIntyre was named a semifinalist in the 53rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

More than 1.4 million students in over 21,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2008 Merit Program when they were juniors by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors were named semifinalists.

The next step for Miranda is to fulfill requirements to advance to finalist standing, a prerequisite for consideration for a Merit Scholarship Award. To become a finalist, a student must have an outstanding high school academic record, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and submit SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. About 15,000 semifinalists are expected to meet the high standards required to become finalists and more than half the finalists will become Merit Scholarship winners.

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Three types of Merit Scholarship Awards will be offered in 2008. Every finalist will for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 scholarships. Some 300 corporations and business organizations will underwrite about 1,100 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship Awards for finalists who meet specified criteria. In addition, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to provide at least 4,600 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship Awards for finalists who will attend the institutions financing their awards. Winners will be announced in Spring 2008.

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